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1 - 30 Toxic Chemicals Found at Exxon Pipeline Spill Site in Arkansas, Allgov, 5/2/13 <a href="http://www.allgov.com/news/controversies/30-toxic-chemicals-found-at-exxon-pipeline-spill-site-in-arkansas-130502?news=849911">http://www.allgov.com/news/controversies/30-toxic-chemicals-found-at-exxon-pipeline-spill-site-in-arkansas-130502?news=849911</a>

When half a million gallons of tar sands oil spilled into an Arkansas community in March, it released 30 toxic chemicals into the air that may impact human health.

2 - Missouri Oil Spill: Exxon Pegasus Pipeline Leaks Again, One Month After Mayflower, Arkansas Rupture, HuffPost, 5/1/13

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/01/missouri-oil-spill-exxon n 3194177.html

May 1 (Reuters) - Exxon Mobil Corp's near 70-year-old Pegasus oil pipeline spilled a small amount of crude on Tuesday into a residential yard in Ripley County, Missouri, a month after the same pipe spewed thousands of barrels of crude in Arkansas.

- 3 Vitter questions secondary email address used by EPA administrator, BRADV, 5/1/13 <a href="http://theadvocate.com/home/5864900-125/vitter-questions-secondary-email-address">http://theadvocate.com/home/5864900-125/vitter-questions-secondary-email-address</a>
  Sen. David Vitter continued his criticism of the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday for its alleged lack of transparency regarding secretive or secondary email accounts by its leaders.
- 4 Sinkhole commission tells crowd it needs more data, BRADV, 5/1/13 <a href="http://theadvocate.com/home/5862788-125/sinkhole-commission-tells-crowd-it">http://theadvocate.com/home/5862788-125/sinkhole-commission-tells-crowd-it</a> Members of the Blue Ribbon Commission charged with investigating the long-term stability and safety of the area around the Assumption Parish sinkhole need more data before any recommendations will be forthcoming, officials said Wednesday.
- 5 Authorities: West Explosion Investigation May Be Done May 10, CBS, 5/1/13 <a href="http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/05/01/authorities-west-explosion-investigation-may-be-done-may-10/">http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/05/01/authorities-west-explosion-investigation-may-be-done-may-10/</a>. An investigation should be finished within the next two weeks into what caused a massive explosion at a Texas fertilizer plant that killed 14 people, state authorities said Wednesday.
- 6 Bill concerning expanding salt cavern at Lake Peigneur clears Senate committee, KATC, 5/1/13 <a href="http://www.katc.com/news/bill-concerning-expanding-salt-cavern-at-lake-peigneur-clears-senate-committee/">http://www.katc.com/news/bill-concerning-expanding-salt-cavern-at-lake-peigneur-clears-senate-committee/</a>

A bill that would require an environmental impact study to be done before AGL Resources expands a salt cavern under Lake Peigneur in Iberia Parish passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. "We need to protect residents in the area from any potential threat this could cause," said Sen. Fred Mills (R-Parks).

7 - President Obama OKs individual aid for West, WacoTrib, 5/1/13 <a href="http://www.wacotrib.com/news/fire/president-obama-oks-individual-aid-for-west/article\_0a686ab5-a399-51a8-bd39-52608ceb4821.html">http://www.wacotrib.com/news/fire/president-obama-oks-individual-aid-for-west/article\_0a686ab5-a399-51a8-bd39-52608ceb4821.html</a>

President Barack Obama on Wednesday expanded the emergency declaration made in the wake of the West fertilizer plant explosion, a move which will allow individual families to apply for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

8 - Texas Fights EPA Effort To Defend GHG Permit Takeover With CWA Ruling, InsideEPA, 5/1/13 <a href="http://insideepa.com/201305012432869/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/texas-fights-epa-effort-to-defend-ghg-permit-takeover-with-cwa-ruling/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201305012432869/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/texas-fights-epa-effort-to-defend-ghg-permit-takeover-with-cwa-ruling/menu-id-95.html</a>

Texas is rejecting EPA's claim that a recent Clean Water Act (CWA) ruling upholding the agency's power to revoke disposal permits "whenever" it finds harm justifies its takeover of greenhouse gas (GHG) permits in the state, with Texas claiming its suit over the takeover focuses on "whether" the move was valid, not a dispute on its timing.

9 - Midwestern coal gasification plant and proposed CO2 pipeline appear near termination, EENEWS, 5/2/13

http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2013/05/02/1

A major "clean" coal project that was once viewed as a keystone for cleaning up the Midwest's greenhouse gas emissions appears near collapse.

10 - Vitter releases more Windsor messages, slams 'pretty bizarre' email practices, E&E News, 5/1/13 <a href="http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2013/05/01/5">http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2013/05/01/5</a>

Sen. David Vitter charged today that a new package of emails from the "Richard Windsor" account of former U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson shows "unprecedented" use of the alias to communicate with people beyond the Obama administration.